

## Town Hall Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2016

The City Council of Audubon Park held a special meeting, as provided by KRS 61.823, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at Audubon Country Club with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Laura Stevens, Nancy Zinner, and Joanne Bader. Also present were Chief of Police Doug Sweeney, and City Clerk Janette Mercer. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing to discuss budgeting and tax formulation for the fiscal year 2017

### Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He talked about what the city does and where and how the money is spent. The Mayor had a slide presentation. The presentation and a list of the attending residents are included as part of these minutes. At the conclusion of the slide presentation the Mayor opened the floor for conversation. Joanne Bader noted that the Council wants to hear from the residents, understanding that there are limited funds, what is important to them, and where do the residents want to spend their tax money.

William Klump, 1155 Dove Road – Mr. Klump wanted to know the dollar amount spent to the airport suit and the status. The Mayor noted that \$11K has been spent. The suit is in the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Nick Kuprion, owner of 908 Audubon Parkway apartments – Mr. Kuprion wanted to know if the case wins the appeals would the residents qualify for the replacement windows and insulation. The Mayor noted that the noise mitigation program is currently over University of Louisville and if the suit is successful, the program would presumably double back, and the airport authority would assume the obligation to replace the windows and insulation. There were several comments about the law-suits and potential results.

Linda Bogner, 1140 Audubon Parkway – Ms. Bogner asked about the salary increase for the police department. Chief Sweeney replied it would amount to about \$9K to \$11K. She asked when was the last time Parkway Village received an increase on their police contract. The Mayor noted that it was about three years ago and the police department is negotiating a new contract. Ms. Bogner noted that the Audubon Park residents are paying higher taxes than Parkway Village. It is her opinion that Parkway Village needs to pay their fair share. There were several comments in reference to Audubon Park property taxes versus Parkway Village property taxes. Ms. Bogner wants a list of what the \$14K increase in taxes is going to cover, so that she can tell the Council what she thinks is important/priority. She feels the priority should be the police department and the roads.

Joanne Bader stated that she feels that the HVAC and the windows at City Hall must be addressed.

There were lengthy conversations about raising taxes and getting the City out of debt.

Nancy Shelton, 919 Audubon Parkway – Ms. Shelton wanted to express that the \$8K that was budgeted this year for a City Forester was not totally spent. She feels that the money spent on the Forester will be

a smart investment for the City in the long run. She noted that the city has experienced some extensive damage to the trees that has cost the city money. If the trees were properly maintained, the City would save.

Marian Lancaster, 900 Audubon Park way – Ms. Lancaster agreed with Ms. Shelton. She noted the beauty of Audubon Park is the trees and the City should work to keep the forest healthy.

Nick Kuprion, 908 Audubon Parkway - Mr. Kuprion wanted to know if the Council would consider a dumpster instead of cans for the multi-family complexes. The Mayor and the Councilors expressed to Mr. Kuprion that his voice in reference to waste management has been heard and now it is time to wait to see what the bidders offer to the multifamily complexes. There were several comments on the services that will be offered.

Gil Zinner, 3315 Wren – Mr. Zinner asked if all the City boards have submitted their budget proposals. The Mayor noted that the Forest Board has, however the other boards have not as of yet.

Scott Bogner, 1140 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Bogner did not understand how the Council and the Mayor could set the tax rate to the 4% increase without knowing the City's needs. The Council and the Mayor reiterated that the rate has not been set. The conversation tonight is based on a proposal that makes it clear not all needs can be satisfied within the 4% ceiling.

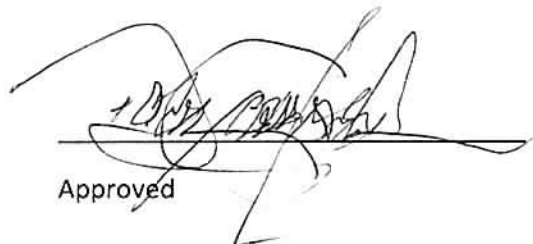
Pete Becker, 3105 Chickadee – Mr. Becker wanted to know if the 2% discount is not going to be offered this year. Mayor answered no because of time constraints with delivery of property rolls.

Linda Bogner, 1140 Audubon Parkway – Ms. Bogner wanted to know if the City was going to start exercising other options like deductible contributions to try and stabilize the tax rate. The Mayor responded that all known options remain on the table. There were some questions about the use of deductible contributions for budgeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM



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